

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mary Golota on 1/22/10.

The application has been amended as follows: In claim 1, line 3, between "PVC homopolymer" and "having particle sizes" the following has been inserted: --, prepared by emulsion polymerization or microemulsion polymerization,--. In the same claim, in line 5, between "PVC homopolymer" and "having particle sizes" the following has been inserted: --, prepared by emulsion polymerization,--. In claim 22, line 2, between "PVC homopolymer" and "having particle sizes" the following has been inserted: --, prepared by emulsion polymerization or microemulsion polymerization--. In the same claim, in line 4, between "PVC homopolymer" and "having particle sizes" the following has been inserted: --, prepared by emulsion polymerization,--. In claim 23, the word -- composition-- has been inserted between "A coil coating" and "comprising".

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Since all of the cited references disclose blending (extender) resins which are prepared by suspension polymerization, which gives them different particle sizes, gel, fusion, viscosity and viscosity stability characteristics and changes the appearance of the resulting coating, the above Examiner's Amendment obviates said references.

3. Claim 19 has been rejoined with the other claims by the examiner as being directed to the method of using the composition.
4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."
5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Szekely whose telephone number is (571) 272-1124. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:10 a.m.-4:40 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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